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SUBJECT: UNITED STATES VS ORSINI

REF: STATE 036551

1. ON FEB. 17 CHARGE INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY SYG FRANCOIS BOB (IN CHARGE AT FONMINISTRY DURING TRAVEL OF FONMINISTER SECK) OF PROBABILITY THAT DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN ORSINI CASE WILL SEEK TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS IN DAKAR. CHARGE TOLD BOB THAT DEPOSITIONS REPORTEDLY WILL BE SOUGHT FROM GOS OFFICIALS NDIAYE AND RODIER.

2. CHARGE INDICATED THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ALSO WOULD PROBABLY TRAVEL TO DAKAR (IN CONNECTION WITH CASE FOR PROSECUTION). BOB DID NOT ANTICIPATE THAT REQUEST FOR DEPOSITIONS WOULD RAISE PROBLEMS FOR FOREIGN MINISTRY ITSELF, OR FOR RODIER, BUT OBSERVED THAT AT LEAST NDIAYE'S MINISTRY WOULD HAVE TO GIVE AUTHORIZATION FOR HIM TO GIVE DEPOSITION. CHARGE ASSURED SECGEN THAT EMBASSY AND USG WERE FULLY AWARE THAT GOS OFFICIALS COULD NOT BE COMPELLED TO GIVE DEPOSITIONS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF SOME ALLEGATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE IN PROCEEDINGS (AND OF WHICH GOS WAS ALREADY AWARE), CHARGE SAID GOS MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER WHETHER ITS OWN INTERESTS WOULD BEST BE SERVED BY HELPING TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT.

3. BOB REACTED POSITIVELY TO THESE COMMENTS AND ASKED TO BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED AS PROCEEDINGS CONTINUE AND PLANS TAKE
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SHAPE FOR PROPOSED TRAVEL TO SENEGAL.

4. IN REPLY TO CHARGE'S QUESTION, BOB STATED THAT MINISTRY HAS
NEVER RECEIVED ANY DEMARCHE FROM FRENCH CONCERNING ORSINI'S
RETURN TO U.S.
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